

NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

Ten Days' Conference in Session at Port Norfolk.

Norfolk, Aug. 16.—Pastor W. J. Stone, of Richmond, president of the Virginia Conference, Seventh Day Adventists, was the principal speaker Thursday night before the conference and camp meeting being held at Port Norfolk. His address marked the beginning of a ten days' conference, which will be attended by delegates from all sections of the State.

In his opening sermon Pastor W. J. Stone stated that meetings similar to that which is being held here are underway in every state in the Union as well as the principal foreign countries, giving the same message that Jesus Christ is coming again in this generation and calling all to obedience to the true God the creator of heaven and earth.

Said the speaker: "This controversy between Christ and Satan has been going on for nearly six thousand years but it is to have a speedy end."

Mr. Stone began his sermon with the first chapter of the Bible and ended with the last book. He briefly reviewed creation, the fall of man, his shameful wanderings in sin and the great plan of redemption.

He laid great emphasis to the fact that God's plan of salvation has always had special features connected with it applicable to each succeeding generation, the time and conditions making necessary the giving of special messages. Such was the condition of the world at the time of the flood that God sent by Noah a warning message telling all of the coming deluge. Unbelief in that special message left them to their fate.

The same was true in the days of Lot, when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. Both these instances are set forth by the Master as examples of the condition of the world before His second coming. "Today," declared Mr. Stone, "we are living just before Christ's return, therefore a message is due telling the world of this greatest of all events. It may be found in the last book of the Bible, Revelation, chapter 14," declared the speaker.

He said: "This special message which is given in three parts is to go to earth's remotest bounds. The first angel bears the solemn message that the hour of God's judgment is come; the second says Babylon is fallen, and the third and last sounds a solemn warning against false worship and calling all to the keeping of the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

"This," said the speaker, "is why we call ourselves Seventh Day Adventists. We believe the Lord's advent to be near and that obedience to the entire ten Commandments is incumbent upon all Christians."

SERIOUS CHARGE.

Lynchburg Man Arrested on Suspicion of Arson.

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 16.—C. L. Burnett, a middle-aged man, was arrested Wednesday afternoon at the Union depot while seated on N. & W. train, No. 17, upon a warrant charging him with setting fire to a house belonging to Mrs. Hatie Burnett, his wife, on the night of April 8. The arrest was the culmination of an investigation by Detective G. W. Scott, of the State Bureau of Insurance, and was made by Policeman Paris, Howell and Carter.

It will be recalled that during last March Burnett fired several shots on Fifth street at a man, who, he alleged, had been paying attentions to his wife. This, it is stated, started the difficulty between the couple and a short while later, Mrs. Burnett charged, she and her child were run out of their home by her husband at the point of a revolver and were forced to take refuge with a neighbor. The wife claims her husband ran her away because she refused to sign a release to certain property in their possession. At all events, things became such that a divorce suit is now pending between Burnett and his wife.

While Mrs. Burnett was staying with relatives in Lynchburg, because, she says, she was afraid to return home, a small house belonging to her was burned on April 8, the building and household effects being totally destroyed. The adjoining house, belonging to her husband, was slightly damaged. It was subsequently reported to the State Bureau of Insurance that Burnett carried a large amount of insurance on his house and that he also had insured his wife's house in his own name for \$750.

ELKS IN RICHMOND.

Program for State Reunion on September 2nd and 3rd.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 16.—The official program for the seventh annual convention of the Virginia State Association of Elks, which is to be held in Richmond September 2 and 3, shows that the committees on arrangement have no intention of letting business interfere with the pleasure of the 1500 visitors expected here. Although the program seems to indicate that the entertainment committee has covered the diversion of the field "from soup to nuts," it is confidentially whispered around the Elks' Home here that many surprises are being planned, and that the nature of these events will not be disclosed until they are "sprung" on the visitors.

No expense will be spared in giving the delegates and their feminine companions a royal time. In Richmond Lodge 45 are to be found some of the wealthiest and most prominent men in the city, and they are giving freely of their coin of the realm, as well as of their wit and energy to make the seventh annual convention one to go down in the history of Elksdom as a convention in which nothing was left undone to make the delegates and their ladies absolutely at home and happy during every minute of their stay in the capital city.

Following is the official program and the members of the committees working for the entertainment of the local lodge's 1500 guests.

Tuesday, September 2.
8 A. M.—Registration of delegates by registration committee, Elks' Home. Early arrivals may register Monday evening at same place. T. R. A. Burke will be in charge.

10:30 A. M.—Assembly of delegates in lodge room, Richmond Lodge, 46, Eleventh and Marshall streets. Introductory remarks by Exalted Ruler Eugene Brauer. Greetings by Mayor George Ainslie. Address of welcome by Brother Andrew Jackson Monahan. Address by State President C. S. Johnson.

11:30 A. M.—Business session.
1 P. M.—Luncheon at Elks' Home.
2:30 P. M.—Automobile trip around city and suburbs.

7:30 P. M.—Luncheon and cabaret show, Richmond hotel roof.

Wednesday, September 3.
10:00 A. M.—Assembly of delegates in lodge room for second day's business session.

12:30—Trip down the James on steamer Berkeley; take cars at Eleventh and Broad for wharf.
7:00 P. M.—Luncheon, concert and dance at Elks' Home.

Hard and Soft Shell Crabs at Rammel's Cafe.

Commission Government.

Fredericksburg, Va., Aug. 16.—The first year of Fredericksburg's new form of government under the city commissioner plan was completed Thursday and the results are gratifying. The city commissioner is R. Stuart Royer, who commenced his duties on August 15, 1912. During the year he has made extensive improvements, especially to the streets of the city.

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Classes Well Filled for Annual Exhibition Next Week.

Warrenton, Va., Aug. 16.—With the favorable weather conditions promised by the weather bureau for August 20 and 21, the fifteenth annual exhibition of the Warrenton Horse Show Association which takes place next Wednesday and Thursday will be the banner exhibition thus far in the history of the society. The entries closed on August 9th and the secretary, F. R. Batterlee, reports a larger list by a considerable number than heretofore. Two days of the finest horse show sport are promised and the forty classes for riding, driving and breeding animals are well filled.

Warrenton this year is assured a dustless horse show. The ring and grounds have been put in perfect condition and the frequent rains have made nature do her best with the turf which was never better than for the coming show of 1913. Information is being sought by prominent horsemen and horsewomen in several states so the outlook is most encouraging to the management in every particular.

The advance sale of reserved seats and boxes is up to this time larger this year than ever before and many notable guests will witness the greatest open air show in America, which has long been Warrenton's boast and justly so.

The local interest in the show has been stimulated by a return to the ring of various prominent horsemen, who have been absent for some years. Among these is Mr. James K. Madlax, former master of the Warrenton Hunt Club and one of the best known horsemen in the country. Mr. Madlax has a large string of top-notchers which he will exhibit.

ITALIAN ASSAULTS GIRL.

Martinsburg, W. Va., Aug. 16.—Little Vincenza Pola, daughter of Pola Pola, a workman at the big Spring stone quarry, two miles from here, was criminally assaulted late yesterday afternoon in a field near the quarry. Vincenzi Recci, 48 years old, an Italian workman, is being pursued by a posse of officers, deputy sheriffs and a number of quarrymen.

Recci, it is said, was caught by the father of the child, who attempted to kill the man with a pickhandle. Recci beat the father off and escaped to a nearby woods. It is said by the officers that there is no doubt of Recci's guilt, and the crime, following close upon a similar one a few days ago, is expected to result in trouble when Recci is caught.

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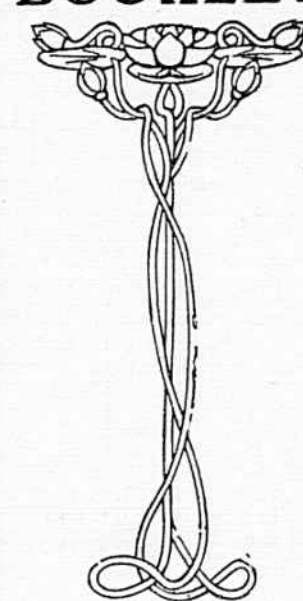
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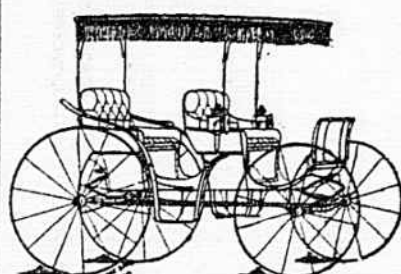
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